

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 489 - HB 948**

February 21, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Enacts the *Kenneth and Madge Tullis, MD, Suicide Prevention Training Act* that requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to develop, in collaboration with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, a model list of training programs to be presented to the Department of Health (DOH) no later than December 15, 2017. Requires certain certified or licensed professionals who have direct patient or client contact to complete a training program on suicide prevention at least every two years beginning January 1, 2018. Authorizes the certified or licensed professional to count the hours spent completing the training to count towards any continued education requirements for each profession.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the DMHSAS, there are numerous resources available from recognized organizations in the field of suicide prevention that can be accessed by the DMHSAS to accomplish assembling a model list of training programs within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The DOH can review the list of training programs submitted to the DOH within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The proposed legislation would apply to social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or pastoral counselors, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, occupational therapists, and any other professionals working in the field of mental health and substance abuse that has direct patient or client contact.
- Each professional will pay a fee to cover the cost of administering the program. Any revenue generated in excess of expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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